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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Directorate R&D Representatives

1. Attending the meeting were:

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Mr. C. Duckett
Dr. D. Steininger

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2. The R&D Coordinator met with Directorate Representatives to review the R&D coordinating process in general, and elicit comments or recommendations.

3. There was full agreement that the Board functioned well in technical areas, but that it was unrealistic to expect the Board to treat the budgetary aspects of the R&D program extensively. As in the past, given a requirement to arrive at a particular budget level, the Board can suggest alternative approaches by which this may be accomplished. The need in any particular R&D area, however, is primarily related to the collection processing or other activity with which it is associated and not with other R&D activities.

4. Other items were discussed including the ongoing effort of [redacted] to produce an improved statement of future intelligence and operational R&D needs, the need for more comprehensive training programs, the impact of security, and significant broad trends with R&D implications such as the [redacted]

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and the implementation of automatic processes in a variety of activities such as Comint, audio, EOI, etc.

5. Misconceptions fostered by independently treating segments of the total Agency R&D program, depending upon the source of funds, were discussed in some detail. Mr. Duckett offered to help in obtaining clearances for any Project Officers where access to OSP, OSA, etc., activities would preclude duplication, or be of assistance to them.

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Special Assistant to the
R&D Coordinator

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